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Hammersmith – June 16.

My dear Marianne, Though my late severe illness has left me in a state of weakness and Langour very much resembling an illness itself, yet as your time does not allow you to give me the pleasure of seeing you again before you go, I cannot but reciprocate your farewells by letter, briefly as I am bidden by the doctors at present to write any thing. The fewness of my words must be made up

for by the sincerity of my wishes.

I say then with all my heart, -
May God bless you. Continue to be
sincere and affectionate; have no secrets
from the good and who will lovingly
guide you; acquire as many accom-
plishments as you can (for they are
all resources and dowries, whether in
or out of trouble); take a right gen-
tlewoman's pride above all, in being
useful and helping, as well as ornamen-

bad; and the heart being thus right
I have no doubt that with the brain
which you gave such early signs of,
all will go well with you now and
ever, and you will assist others in
prospering, as well as prosper yourself.

Your aunt Julia brings you a
few books with the letter, some old
volumes among which he will explain.
The others shall come after them, if
they can be recovered, and opportunity serves.

that is to say, an opportunity which shall cost you nothing. Among the books you will find one for your aunt Anne. I wish I could send her a hundred, and you too.

Send me news, as soon as you can, of the welfare of both of you, and of little Charley.

Your affectionate grandfather

Leigh Hunt.

To
Miss Marianne Gliddon.